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## 3 U.S. Reporters Lost in Cambodia

Three American reporters, including Richard Dudman, chief Washington correspondent of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, are missing in Cambodia and are believed captured by the Vietcong.

The others are Elizabeth Pond of the Christian Science Monitor and Michael Morrow of Dispatch News Service International.

The three left Saigon in a car Thursday morning and were expected back Friday. They failed to return and inquiries showed that they apparently drove west on Rte. 1, which runs 135 miles from Saigon to Phnom Penh, capital of Cambodia.

They apparently crossed the border into Cambodia and may have reached Svay Rieng, 35 miles inside Cambodia in the Parrot's Beak area.

They are known to have been stopped on Rte. 1 at a checkpoint manned by the Cambodian army. Last Thursday and Friday, Cambodian units were in command of Rte. 1 about 2½ miles west of Svay Rieng.

Later, at a time not yet determined, their empty car was found on a secondary road 2½ miles from Svay Rieng. It is believed that they left Rte. 1



**RICHARD DUDMAN**  
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in order to circumvent the Cambodian army roadblock.

In Saigon, two Japanese correspondents who had been in the area said they had heard local reports that three American correspondents had been captured by the Vietcong. Sources within the Army of South Vietnam, which is fighting in the Parrot's Beak, said they had heard similar reports from persons in the same region.

Dudman, 52, is a veteran of many overseas assignments and had been in Southeast Asia at least seven times before. Marquis Childs, contributing editor to the St. Louis Post-Dispatch and senior correspondent in its Washington bureau, said that Dudman arrived in Bangkok on April 27 after a two-week vacation in Europe with his family. The Dudmans live at 3409 Newark St. NW.

Miss Pond who is about 35, has been a correspondent for the Christian Science Monitor for many years, mostly working in Boston. Two years ago she became its correspondent in Czechoslovakia, and a year ago in Saigon.

She took a year's leave of absence last July when she

was appointed an Alicia Patterson Foundation fellow. She chose to do research work in Saigon and had been scheduled to return to active reporting in Vietnam on July 1.

Morrow, 24, left Dartmouth to go to Taiwan and Saigon. In Saigon he married a Vietnamese, the former Christina Vinh. He formed Dispatch News Service, Inc., from which Dispatch News was formed. The two now have no connection.

Dispatch News' Seymour Hersh recently won the Pulitzer Prize for reporting the My Lai incident.

Seven other newsmen—two of them Americans—vanished in Cambodia early in April and are believed to have been taken prisoner by the Vietcong.